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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
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Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Docket No.: 10437.0073.NPUS01

Serial No.: 10/708,420

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Filed: March 2, 2004

For: REMOVAL OF PERMANGANATE  
REDUCING COMPOUNDS FROM  
METHANOL CARBONYLATION  
PROCESS STREAM

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 9, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$130 for a statutory disclaimer fee from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01. It is believed that no fees in addition to the fee required for the enclosed provisional terminal disclaimer are due at this time. However, should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the present submission, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.